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Applicant: Jaspreet Singh et al.
Serial No.: 09/814,402
Confirmation No: 3828
Filed: March 22, 2001

Docket 15,275
Group: 3761
Examiner: J. F. Stephens
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Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), Applicants hereby renew their Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), the original Petition having been filed April 20, 2004.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), please charge any additional prosecutorial fees due for this Renewed Petition For Revival of an Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and the corrected Petition fee of \$1,500.00 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. Deposit Account No. 11-0875. Please charge any underpayment or refund any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0875.

The undersigned may be reached at (920) 721-2433.

Respectfully submitted,

JASPREET SINGH ET AL.

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ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

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First named inventor: Jaspreet Singh et al.

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- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0875.**2. Reply and/or fee**A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Amendment After Final Rejection (identify type of reply):
Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116☐ has been filed previously on _____
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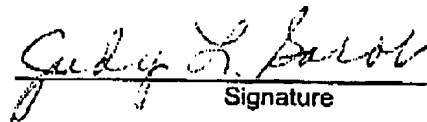
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) **130.00****Complete if Known**

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| 1001 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 285 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1006 180 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Multiple Dependent | -3** = | X | |

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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claim over original patent | |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
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| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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| 1603 640 | 2503 320 | Plant issue fee | |
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| 1810 770 | 2810 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
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